Setting up of Motel Management Institution at Guwahati

1733. SHRIMAT: BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: W U the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an institution for Hotel Man agement at Guwa lati so as to cater to the needs of thi aspirmg youths of the Ndrth-Eastern region; and

(b) if so, by when the institution is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTEF OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY Of CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Gove nment has already set up a Foodcraft Institute at Guwa hati in 1984 for in parting, craft level , training in variou trades connected with the hotel ind tstry. These training facilities are expected to cater to the needs of the aspiring youth of the North-Eastern region. The question of upgrading this nstitute to a hotel management Institute can be considered after the State Government has provided the necessary land and build ings and also depending on the availability of funds and *inter se* priorities.

Werking of CCI & E

1734. SHRI BIR 1HADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the Minister of COM MERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i·! a fact that the working of the CI ief Controller of' Imports and Expo te has been criticised recently by /arious sections of the Press and other organisations;

Kb) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are consi. dering an increase in the licensing fee and if so. what are the details of the proposed scales in this regard;

(d) what are '.he details of the penalties amounting to Rs. 18 crores, alongwith the nam< s of the defaulters and the amount in each case and whether the amounts have been paid; and

(e) what are the names of the 121 firms which are in the defaulters' list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAs MUNSHI): (a) An article in Saturday Times 'Supplement of Times of India' dated 13-6-1987, has come to Government's notice.

(b) A copy of the said article is enclosed at Annexure. *[See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 80].

(c) Yes, Sir. The details cannot be disclosed at this stage.

(d) A list indicating the names of the firms on whom penalty has been imposed, amount in each case; amount realised and pending is at Annexurek [See Appendix C3CL.ni, Annexure No. 81].

(e) Government is not aware of 121 f?rms on the defaulters' list. However, 235 firms were declared defaulters on the basis of advance licences issued in 1982-83, 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Ban on Entry of Foreign Tourists iato Assam

1735. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA* Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be .pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not lifting the ban on the entry of foreign •tourists into Assam;

(b) what is the estimated annual loss of revenue on this account; and

(c) by when the ban is likely to be lifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Foreign tourists in groups are permited to Visit Kaziranga *via* Gau-I hati after obtaining Restricted Area